

# UWE Research Support Annual Report

August 2016 – July 2017

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# Research Team Update

RCUK success rate

**82%**

by gold and green routes



**Joined the Open  
Library of  
Humanities**



**1,085 theses to be  
digitised in ongoing  
project**

**Subscribed to Scopus**

(the largest abstract and citation  
database)

HEFCE success rate

**89%**

of articles on Research Repository

**Open Research Series**  
- 3 sessions on open  
access topics



**New blog**

<https://uwelibraryresearch.wordpress.com/>



**Usability testing of  
webpages**



Research Support team activities 2016-  
2017 by Charley Vaughton

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**Piktochart**  
make information beautiful

# Team update

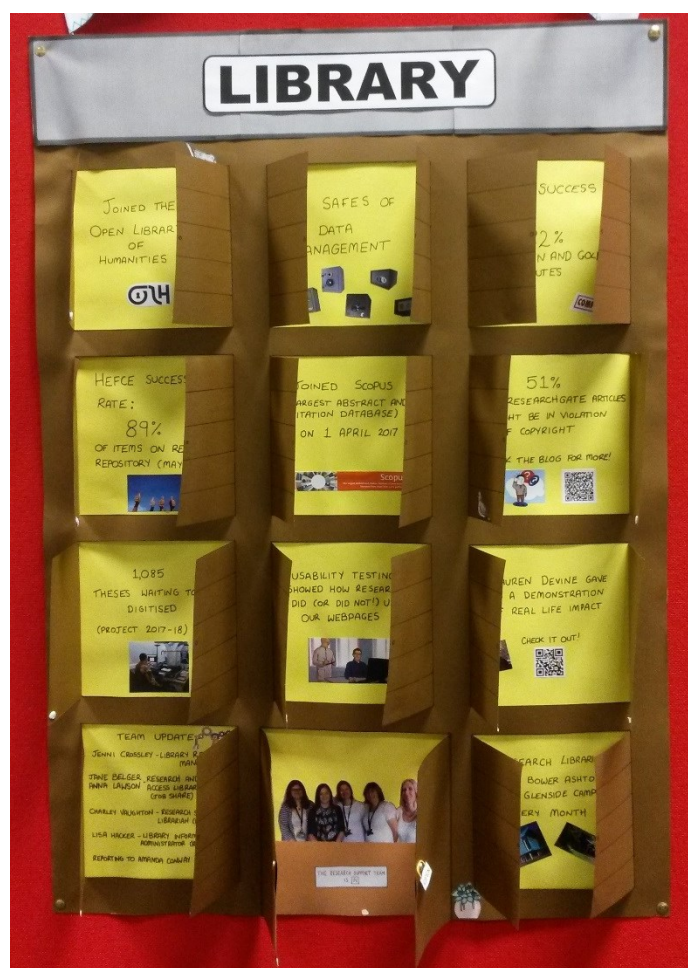
The Research Team has undergone several changes over the last year. The team is now fully staffed and consists of:

- Amanda Conway – Head of Library Research, Performance and Internal Comms
- Jenni Crossley – Library Research Manager
- Jane Belger and Anna Lawson (job share) – Research and Open Access Librarian
- Charley Vaughton – Research Support Librarian (Repositories)
- Lisa Hacker – Library Information Administrator (Research Support)

## Overview of activities

### All Staff Event

Lisa and Charley produced a poster for the Library All Staff Event in June, highlighting some of the activities that the Research Team had been involved in over the year in the form of a research 'advent calendar' with a different activity behind each door.



## Recent publications

Jane and Jenni produced an article for issue 69 of Sconul Focus, 'Supporting research staff and postgraduates at the University of the West of England, Bristol: The growth of library research support' discussing how research support has changed and developed over the years at the university. Jenni was also one of the authors of another article in the issue, 'Changes in the research support landscape over the last ten+ years: Reflections on the DARTS conference series 2005–2018'. Both articles can be read [on the Sconul website \(https://www.sconul.ac.uk/page/focus-69\)](https://www.sconul.ac.uk/page/focus-69)

## Conference attendance

Jane – attended UKSG one day event (London) in November.

Charley – attended UKSG (Harrogate) in April, and Repository Fringe (Edinburgh) in August.

Lisa – attended JISC event (Birmingham) in July.

## Campus visits

The team is based at Frenchay Campus but spends one day a month at City Campus (at Bower Ashton) and Glenside Campus. These days are the first and last Thursdays of every month and are an opportunity for researchers and library staff at other campuses to have a meeting with a research librarian or drop in with questions.

## Blog

The blog went through a revamp in March, moving to a new Wordpress site. The new blog is updated every Wednesday with news from the world of open access, updates on new developments in the library, and highlights of different research at the university. [See the blog for examples of these posts. \(https://uwelibraryresearch.wordpress.com/\)](https://uwelibraryresearch.wordpress.com/)

## Research Data Repository and Arkivum

The [Research Data Repository](http://researchdata.uwe.ac.uk/) is now open and accepting data from all researchers. Datasets should be uploaded to this separate repository instead of the Research Repository. Data can be uploaded and made visible for reuse and compliance with funder or publication policies. The repository is also linked to Arkivum for secure storage of sensitive data. The Research Data Repository can be accessed from the library webpages or directly from <http://researchdata.uwe.ac.uk/>



# Research messages

## HEFCE policy

The team have been promoting the HEFCE policy for REF2021 since 2014. The policy came into force on 1 April 2016 and requires authors to upload the accepted version of their journal articles and conference papers to the Research Repository within 3 months of acceptance.

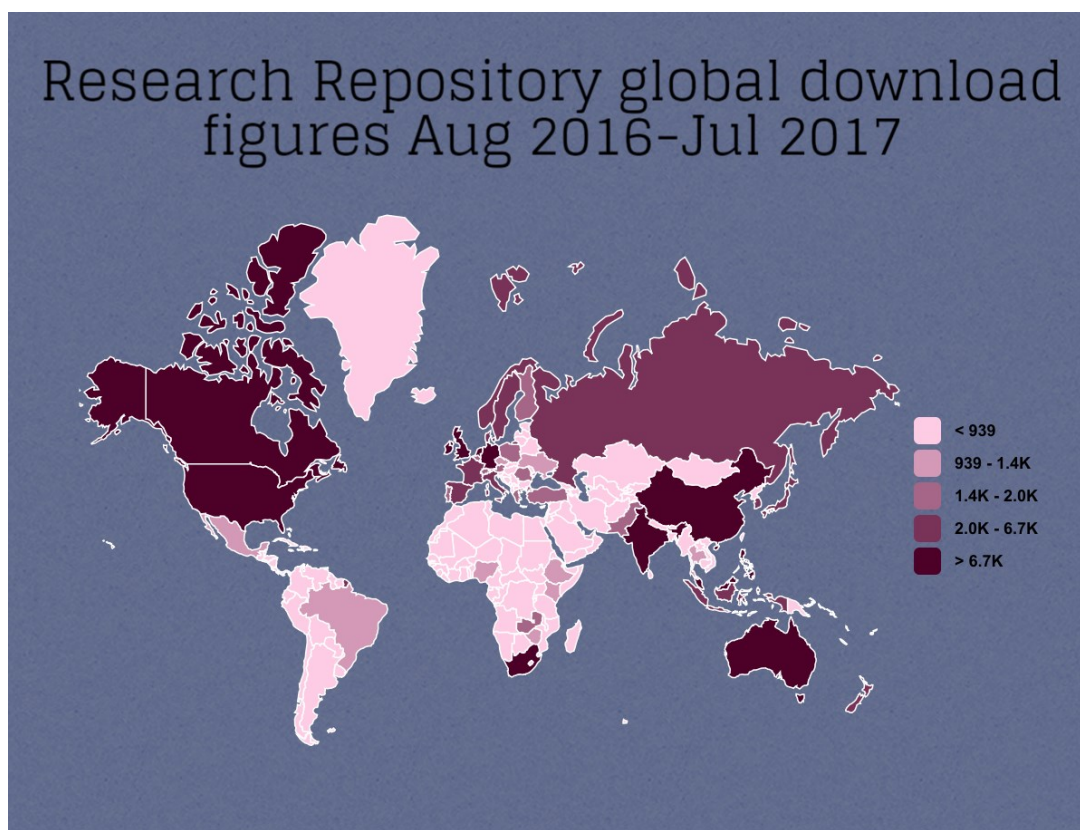


## Training

The team no longer runs organised training sessions for the Research Repository or staff profiles. Instead one-to-one sessions covering these topics can be organised at a time and date to suit individual researchers. This decision was taken due to falling attendance at organised sessions.

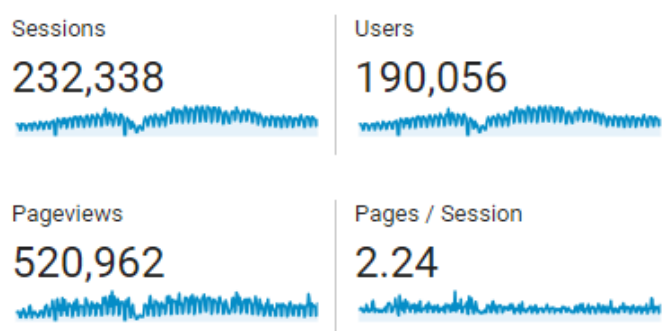
## Statistics

### Downloads from Research Repository



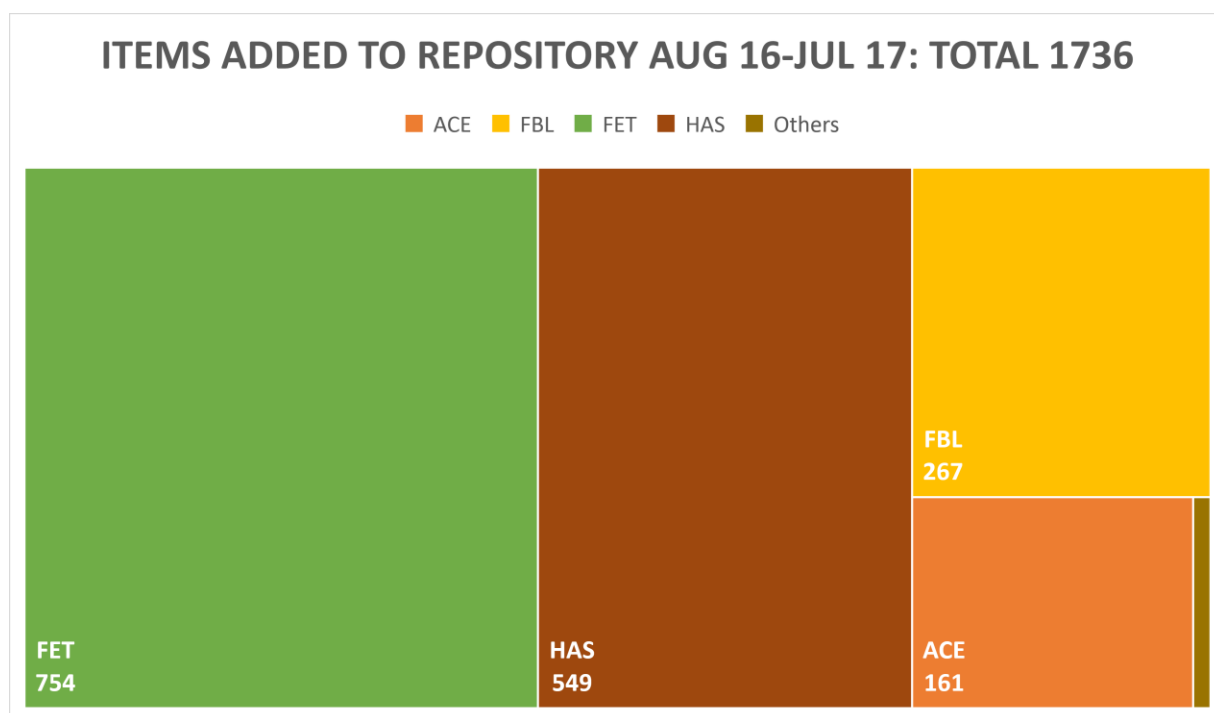
The map above displays the number of downloads from the Research Repository across the world over the period August 2016 – July 2017. The map with all figures visible can be accessed [on PiktoChart](https://magic.piktochart.com/output/23916496-annual-report-map) (<https://magic.piktochart.com/output/23916496-annual-report-map>).

## Visitors to the Research Repository



The most visitors recorded on a single day was 1,099 on 14 March 2017. The fewest visitors recorded on a single day was 3 on both 18 September and 10 December 2016.

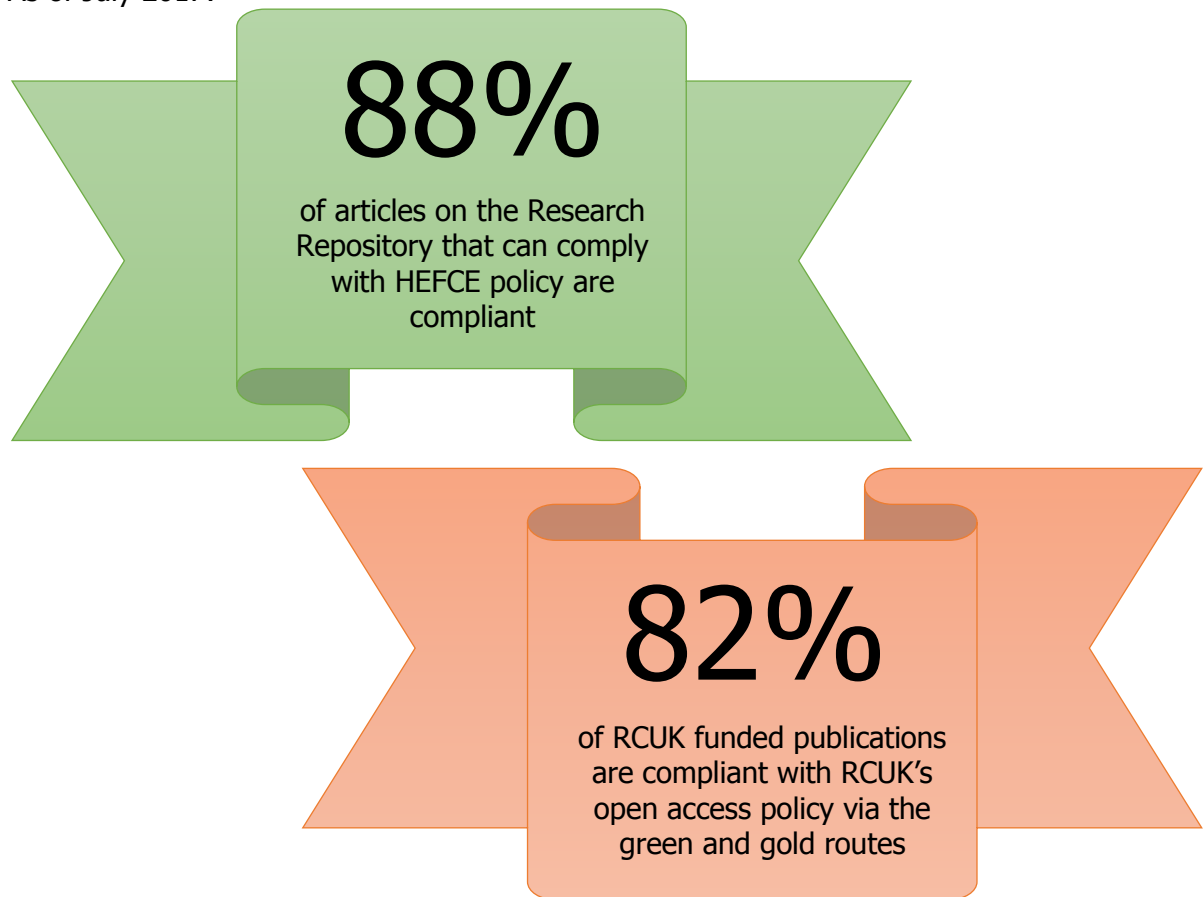
## Items added to the Research Repository by faculty



10 items were added by groups outside faculties ('Others'). There were also five items added which were authored by more than one faculty.

## Compliance rates

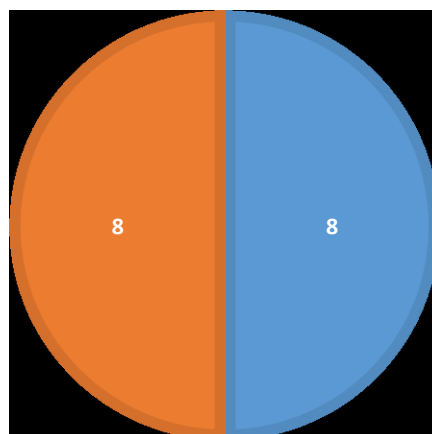
As of July 2017:



## Data Repository

### RECORDS ON RESEARCH DATA REPOSITORY

■ Publicly available ■ Not publicly available





## Looking forward

When looking at what we want to develop over the coming year, we have constructed a series of aims.

- First, advertising the Research Data Repository more widely, and therefore increasing the number of datasets uploaded. Previously the repository has been marketed to EPSRC grant holders, but we intend to widen this to all researchers.
- Secondly, maintaining intake of REF-able items and continuing to spread the message about compliance with HEFCE policy. At the same time, emphasising that the Research Repository is not just for articles – there seems to be a belief among researchers that the Research Repository is only a tool for the REF (with calls to upload research frequently being met with 'but I'm not submitting this'.)
- Finally, working with PGRs to examine how they use the library and what extra provision the Research Support team can provide them.

## Contact

Any questions or comments can be directed to the Research Support team.

For questions about the repositories, email [eprints@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:eprints@uwe.ac.uk)

For questions about open access or data management, email [lib.rke@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:lib.rke@uwe.ac.uk)

